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The Will of God

In the center of the circle
Of the will of God I stand;
There can come no second causes,
All is well! for 'tis my Father
Who my life hath planned.

Shall I pass through waves of sorrow?
Then I know it will be best;
Though I cannot tell the reason,
I can trust, and so am blest.
God is love, and God is faithful,
So in perfect peace I rest.

With the shade and with the sunshine,
With the joy and with the pain,
Lord, I trust Thee! both are needed,
Each Thy wayward child to train,
Earthly loss, did we but know it,
Often means our heavenly gain.

PREPARATION FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AT CAMP Bedding—

Bring your own bedding, including pillow cases, sheets, blankets, or quilts. Of course bring towels. If you are going to be in a tent, bring pails for carrying water; bring mirrors and any other equipment you need to make your stay more comfortable. And don't forget your flashlight.

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It is extremely difficult to keep dogs on leash in the country, and during the camp meeting they cannot be allowed loose on the grounds.

How to get here—

It is best, if at all possible, to come to Bethany Park by automobile, for it is three quarters of a mile from the highway to the activity area, to tabernacle and accommodations. Greyhound and Peerless busses will stop at the entrance to the ground on request to discharge or take on passengers.

Eating—

The cafeteria accommodates large crowds. Again this year it will serve good meals at nominal prices. The Spot will have ice cream items and hamburgers, as well as hot coffee, at meal hours and late in the evening. Candy and soft drinks will also be available. Special permits will have to be secured for cooking in tents.

THIS YEAR AT CAMP

The main pulpit ministry in the tabernacle will be shared by Brother Ralph M. Riggs, Assistant General Superintendent, of Springfield, Missouri, and Brother Dwight H. McLaughlin, now doing evangelistic work. Both of these Brethren have served as speakers at former camp meetings in our District and their ministries were greatly enjoyed by our people as they have been inspired and edified by their preaching of the Word of God. We have every reason to believe that good things await those who attend the tabernacle services during this coming camp meeting season.

The guest speakers will also join in ministering to the institute which will be held for ministers and their wives two hours each morning, from ten o'clock to noon, Tuesdays through Fridays.

Missionaries and other visiting ministers will have a share in the tabernacle services.

Mrs. Thurmond will be in charge of Women's Missionary Council activities during the camp, arranging meetings and being of help to local groups and visiting missionaries in the disbursement of things the ladies have been working on through the months in their home assemblies. There will be new ideas offered for means of helping in this great work, and interesting displays of what has been accomplished by the skillful fingers of the ladies.

Brother Suter will be in charge of activities designed to entertain and help the younger generation. Under his supervision workers will be having interesting sessions for the boys and girls.

Brother Dick Fulmer will be on hand to lead the C.A.'s in inspiring and instructive meetings for youth.

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The Pool of Bethesda!

By Richard Orchard, Pastor in Chico

Text . . . Jn. 5:19

The story of the Pool of Bethesda is one of the most fascinating in all the New Testament. Many commentators have suggested that this strange story about an angel's coming down from heaven to trouble the pool is a myth or legend with no basis to it. But to a person who knows the Lord and reads the Word of God, the story is to be accepted just as readily as any other miracle of the Bible. When we read about the pillar of fire and the cloud, the sun standing still in the midst of heaven, the fall of the walls of Jericho, and other similar events, then we must acknowledge that the story of Bethesda's pool is also to be received by faith as being a miracle of God in Israel.

Bethesda means House of Mercy, or The Flowering Water. Today in Palestine it is known as The Pool of the Virgin and is located a little north of the Pool of Siloam.

In verse 3 of the text we see a multitude gathered about the pool . . . impotent, blind, lame, withered, rich, poor, literate, illiterate, etc. It is a crowd representing all classes of people. If one will look closely at every crowd in the Bible we will always see ourselves. What the Bible said about the people of that day is also directed to the hearts of people in this day. This particular crowd gathered about Bethesda's Pool does not represent a crowd of sinners. Sinners are not lame, they are dead. Sinners are not withered, they are dead. Sinners are not impotent, nor blind, they are dead . . . dead in trespasses and sins. **THESE WERE ISRAELITES, GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, AND THEY REPRESENT PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN QUICKENED FROM THE DEAD, BUT WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY SICK.**

1. SOME WERE BLIND. What is wrong with a blind man? Nothing. Only he cannot see. He sees no beauty around him. You seldom find one in a place of trust or responsibility. He is the recipient of charity, and often becomes a beggar, or a seller of lead pencils and shoe laces. He cannot distinguish faces, see colors, gaze upon the heavens . . . his world is dark. He can talk, think, walk, eat, and is normal in every way . . . only he is blind.

Christian, What do you see? Do you see your boy or girl without Christ? Do you see Africa and India in heathen bondage? Do you see your neighbor on the road to hell and have you talked to him about Jesus? Have you offered someone a cure for their ills this week? If not, then take your place with the crowd at Bethesda's Pool.

2. SOME WERE LAME. A lame man walks with a limp. His limp is not manifest when he is sitting down, but when he rises to walk he cannot conceal his physical infirmity. The true character of our Christian life may be concealed in church on Sunday, but it is surely revealed in the way we walk before the world on Monday. Are you honest in your business dealings? Is your word your bond? Is your disposition sweet? You may fool the church, but you cannot fool the world . . . you are the only bible the world reads. There are infidels and atheists who are honest . . . and there are supposed saints who would steal the milk out of your tea if you didn't keep stirring it. My, what bad-tempered, ugly-natured saints we have in some of our churches, and when you say anything to them about it they tell you that it is just natural for them to be that way. It may be natural, but it is certainly not spiritual. If you are lame in your Christian walk, get fixed up before you leave Bethesda's Pool.

3. SOME WERE IMPOTENT. Some folks will say, "I am not blind or lame." Well, perhaps you are impotent. Webster's Dictionary says the word impotent means . . . not able, weak, infirm, wanting

in strength. There is nothing wrong with an impotent man except he is not able. He may be organically sound, but not able. Some say, "I don't do this, and I don't do that." They are so good they are good for nothing. Their main prayer is, "Lord, forgive us for the sins of omission and commission." And their main testimony is "Pray for me that I'll hold out to the end." If you ask them to pass out tracts they are NOT ABLE. If you ask them to join a prayer chain and pray a half-hour daily, they are NOT ABLE. If they are asked to come to church more often, they are not able. If you tell them to stop robbing God and pay tithes, they are not able. Oh, dear friends, let's stop living with the attitude that we will make heaven by the skin of our teeth, and let's start living so as to have an **ABUNDANT ENTRANCE** into the kingdom. If you are impotent (not able) then you need to take your place with the crowd at Bethesda's Pool.

4. SOME WERE WITHERED. This kind of person is worse off than one who is blind, or lame, or impotent. A withered person is one who has dried up. A withered person looks dried up - **SHRIVELED**. Withered people are like the Sahara Desert - the rain of blessing is soaked up in a hurry and leaves them dry and parched. They started to dry up when they neglected their prayer life. Some dried up when they quit reading the Word of God. Some dried up

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when they "couldn't stand" someone in the church. It's a great tragedy that must make God weep when He sees people who had an experience with Him twenty years ago, but who haven't sought Him enough to have another experience since. Their testimony is worn out with repetition. The oil is gone. There is no flame. They are withered. Dear withered one, you must needs go to the pool of Bethesda, for something is about to happen.

Perhaps this man at the pool is you. He has lain there with his infirmity for thirty-eight years. Each time the angel of the Lord came to trouble the waters of the pool, someone always got to the pool before this man, and patiently he retired to his place, hoping to be the first into the pool next time. But the years were rolling by and his condition was getting worse. Then, suddenly, a commotion

started among the crowd. It was Jesus of Nazareth who had come into one of the porches. Looking upon the man, Jesus heard a recital of the years of infirmity, the days and months of pain, discontent, unhappiness. Then fastening the most loving gaze in earth or heaven upon him, the Lord said, "Wilt thou be made whole?" The man said, "Lord, I have no man to put me into the pool when it is troubled. Someone always gets ahead of me. Others get blessed, but I don't receive anything . . . but, Oh, yes, Lord, I want to be made whole." Jesus said, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." He is still saying those words today to those who have once had an experience with God, but who are now blind, lame, impotent, and withered, waiting for the moving of the waters in the Pool of Bethesda.

be convinced.

Notice verses 7 to 9 of the second Psalm: "*I will declare the decrees the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*" In these verses the Son speaks. This is made very clear in the Epistle to the Hebrews. If this passage does not prove that the Jehovah of the Old Testament is not the Christ of the New Testament, but that He is the Father, it proves nothing concerning the Godhead.

We are assured in the Word that "*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.*" The Epistle to the Hebrews is a part of Scripture, and in this Epistle we are afforded a somewhat lengthy discussion of the priesthood of the Lord Jesus. And we are definitely told that "*Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest*"; but that He was so constituted by Him who said, "*Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee.*" And Again: "*Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec.*" Who thus spake? We are definitely told that it was Jehovah.

Now, if the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Christ of the New Testament, the facts involved require us to conclude that the statement that "Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest" is not a true statement. Of course we know it is true, for it is a part of the infallible Word of God. "*Let God be true and every man a liar.*" So it is quite evident that the Jehovah of the Old Testament is not the Christ of the New Testament.

A messenger of Jehovah appeared to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, and in the New Testament He is called the angel of the bush. See Acts 7:35. Undoubtedly this "angel . . . in the bush" is the Christ of the New Testament, or more strictly speaking was He who became the Christ of the New Testament when His became incarnate in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. That He spoke to Moses in the first person so that it appears that He was Jehovah is conceded, but it must be remembered that the Christ of the New Testament was "The Word of Jehovah" in the Old Testament. See John 1:1. In the Old Testament we frequently read of "the angel of the Lord" or the angel of Jehovah, and it is safe to assume that in each case the reference is to the second person of the Trinity.

Failure to recognize these facts has led many Bible students to reach the wrong conclusion, namely that the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Christ of the New Testament.

The Jehovah of the Old Testament

by J. Narver Gortner

Several years ago when our beloved Robert J. Craig was living he said to me one day in Glad tidings Temple, "Some of our preachers are saying that the Jehovah of the Old Testament and the Christ of the New Testament are identical. If this is true, the so-called New Issue people have a strong argument and our position has been greatly weakened." The other day here in the Pinellas Park Home one of our evangelists who was eating dinner with us said to me, "Have you read any of Dr. . . . 's books?" I said, "No." Said he, "I bought one the other day, and have been surprised to learn that he insists that the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Christ of the New. He not only makes the assertion, but he repeats it, and then emphasizes it. It is a new idea to me. What do you think of it?" I replied that perhaps we are too ready to accept what some person has said, especially if the name of the person carries with it considerable weight.

The object of this brief article is to inquire if the assertion is true. The article must be brief for I am writing under handicaps that are hard to overcome. I shall call attention to just two passages of Scripture although there are many others that are equally clear and convincing.

The first passage is in the Second Psalm, which is recognized by all scholars as distinctively Messianic. Mark the second and third verses: "*The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us.*" It will be noted that both Jehovah and His Anointed are made mention of. Is this what we call in rhetoric redundancy? Is Jehovah the same as his anointed? Of course the reader

knows that the meaning of His Anointed is His Messiah or His Christ. This passage, therefore, seems to prove quite clearly that the Jehovah of the Old Testament is the Father and not the Son. The second passage I shall introduce is even more convincing.

It is Psalm 110, which is very frequently referred to in the New Testament. Note the first verse: "*The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*" By the Lord is meant, of course, Jehovah. The capital letters with which the word Lord is printed so indicate. An incident occurred in the life of our Lord here upon earth that the Holy Spirit has regarded as of such great importance that He has caused it to be recorded in each of the so-called Synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. Our Lord said to His adversaries, "*What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?*" They said, "*The son of David.*" He said, "*How then doth David by the Holy Ghost, call Him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?*" His adversaries were silenced. They had no reply; they knew not what to say. We know that when our Lord, after His death and resurrection, ascended into heaven He sat down at the right hand of the Father. Peter in his Pentecostal sermon explained the outpouring of the Spirit by telling the people that Christ had risen from the dead and had ascended into heaven. He said, "*Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear.*" This appears to be quite convincing unless we are unwilling to

The Rapture of the Church and the Great Tribulation

By Earl F. Davis, pastor in Alameda

A recent article in a California publication teaches that the saints must go through the great tribulation, to be tortured and martyred before the rapture of the church. Permit me to present the truth of God's word concerning the rapture and the great tribulation.

"There is to be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." Dan. 12:1. Some have said the deliverance promised here is to the Jews only, Daniel's people means more than the Jews. He stands for God's people whose names are recorded in heaven. Heb. 12: 23. Rev. 20:12-15.

The first event of the coming of the Lord will be the rapture of the church. This takes place before the great tribulation. God's people will be taken out. This has been the hope of the church in all past ages. In I Thessalonians 4:13-18. He gives us a picture of how this event will take place, how the dead will be raised and the living will be changed and all caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. He said, "Comfort one another with these words." Would it be a comfort to you to say that you will be dragged to the stake and suffer severe torture by fire, and fingernails being pulled off with pincers, and live skin pulled away from quivering flesh, eyes burned out with red hot irons, boiling metal poured into ears and down throats, limbs torn from bodies by horrible stretchers, tormented, broken and torn in ways almost undecipherable? All this wouldn't offer much comfort. These things will take place during the wrath of the Lamb, Rev. 6:17, or the great tribulation after the church is raptured out. God said in I Thes. 5:9. *"For God has not appointed us to wrath but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."* (Or as Weymouth gives it, "God has not destined us to incur His anger".)

If God plans for the saints to go through the tribulation, He has contradicted His own teaching. But we know His plan is to take the church out at His first appearing. We may notice in this chapter (I Thes. 4) the contrast in His coming with other Scriptures that record the promise of His coming. Here He does not come clear to the earth. While in Zechariah 14:4, His feet shall stand upon the mount. In Revelation 19:11-16, He comes as the conquering one, taking vengeance on them that know not God (2 Thes. 1:7-8).

In this 4th chapter of I Thessalonians, He comes not to the earth, but in the clouds near the earth and calls His children out. Here He comes as the peaceful one.

When Christ was taken up from earth to heaven, Acts 1:9-11, His followers stood gazing up into heaven when suddenly two heavenly messengers appeared and said, *"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."* He went up suddenly and He will come back the same way.

Some morning in the near future men and women will be awakened by the shouts of newsboys yelling, Extra, Extra, people missing everywhere. Telegrams will be dispatched from coast to coast, phone lines will be kept busy, people trying to find their loved ones. Men and women will look into baby cribs and find babies gone. Men will miss their wives, on searching will find their night clothes in the bed. Men will be walking with their wives, maybe holding their arms, when suddenly they realize they have only a dress sleeve in their hands. Clothing of both men and women will be found lying on streets and elsewhere. Cars will be found wrecked on the highways but no one will be found in them, for we shall be changed in a moment in the twinkle of an eye (I Cor. 15:51-52). As Christ left the grave clothes in the tomb, we will leave ours wherever we are when He comes. In Luke 17:34-36 He says two men will be in one bed, *"one taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left."*

Many Scriptures hint that He will come as a thief. I Thes. 5:1-4. He tells us *"the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night."* The thief comes before the destruction or tribulation, as seen in verse 3. The thief usually comes at the darkest hour of the night. We are now living in the darkest time of this world's history. Are we expecting the return of the Lord? When the thief comes he doesn't get the bulky things, but he takes the valuable things. When Christ comes He will not take the bulk of this world, but the jewels (Mal. 3:17) which is the church or saints.

When He was taken up, only His followers saw Him. When He comes for the church, or the rapture, He will come as He went away; only His followers will see Him. (Heb. 9:28) *"And*

unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Revelation 1:7, says *"He cometh with clouds and every eye shall see Him."* This is the last event of His second coming. This harmonizes with Revelation 19:11-16 and Matthew 24:27. *"As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."*

There were two events of Christ's first coming. He came first secretly as a babe to the manger; only the wise knew of His coming. Thirty-three years later He came publicly into Jerusalem as king (Mark 11:1-11). So it will be with the second coming. At the first advent only the wise will know or be taken out. The wise are the people that are walking in the light as He is in the light. Daniel 12: 10. This chapter is dealing with end-time prophecies and the coming of the Lord. This tenth verse says *"the wicked shall do wickedly and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand."*

The wise or righteous will be taken out at the rapture, and will be hid away somewhere in the heavens at the marriage of the Lamb where we will receive our rewards or official positions to rule and reign with Him during the one-thousand-year reign on earth. During this time the world is going through its time of tribulation. This is made very clear in Isaiah 26:20-21. *"Come, my people, enter into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."* This doesn't seem like His children will be tormented with His indignation or tribulation. It will be from three and one-half to seven years after the rapture, when the Lord will come with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all (Jude 14-15). And this is what we see in Revelation 19:11-16.

Many take Matthew 24:21-22 and use this to put the saints through the tribulation. Here He refers to the great tribulation. He says, *"except those days should be shortened there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."* It is true that all the saved are the elect of the Lord. But at the beginning of the tribulation the gentile church is taken out, then all Israel will be saved, Rom. 11:25-26. In Matthew 24:22 He said, *"Except those days should be shortened there should be no FLESH saved, here the stress is on the flesh."* And in this 11th chapter of Romans, Israel is not saved until after the rapture. It is Israel that will be preserved fleshly during the great tribulation, Rev. 12:13-17. The woman is identified in

verse 1 by the sun, moon and twelve stars, and represents the entire house of Israel (Gen. 37:9). Israel is to populate the earth during the reign of Christ, and the raptured church will reign with Christ as kings and priests. Israel will be in the flesh, the church will be in glorified bodies. The tribulation is referred to as Jacob's trouble (Jer. 30:7) but he shall be saved out of it, fleshy (Matt. 24:22).

Luke 21 is dealing with the coming of the Lord and tribulation. In verse 36, He tells us to "pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass." Would God ask us to pray to escape the tribulation if it were impossible to escape? Another promise, in Zephaniah 2:3, *Seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.* The secret of being ready for the rapture is to stay meek and righteous before God. (2 Pet. 3:14). *Seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.* In Revelation 3:10 He says, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation

(meaning tribulation) *which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell on the earth.*" Isn't this a wonderful promise of deliverance from the tribulation to them that keep His word? Revelation 2:22, is a hope for the sinful. The sinful will be cast into great tribulation except they repent of their sins. Isn't this a strong hint that if they will repent they won't have to go into tribulation? From the opening of the door in the fourth chapter of Revelation to the 19th chapter we don't see the church. The great raptured company in Revelation 7:9 is not the church, but the tribulation saints. We see them as they were martyred and robed with white robes in the 6th chapter, verses 9-11. Many scholars believe the second chapter of 2 Thessalonians is dealing with the taking out of the church. Verse 3 refers to the coming of the man of sin, or Antichrist. Verse 7 teaches that there is a "He" that keeps him from coming. "Only He who now letteth will let, until He be taken out of the way." The word *letteth* means hindereth. And the word *let* means hinder. The Holy Spirit is called He, so this can mean the Holy Ghost church. The church will have to

be taken out before the anti-christ can fully be revealed, and the Antichrist will be revealed before the great tribulation can begin.

Let me conclude with two Old Testament illustrations or types, Heb. 10:1-*"For the law having a shadow of good things to come."* The Old Bible is made up of types and shadows of things which were to be revealed in the new. Moses died (Deut. 34:5), Elijah went up, or was raptured (2 Kings 2:11). In Matthew 17:1-4, when Christ was transfigured before His disciples, Moses and Elijah both appeared in transfiguration with Christ. Moses was a type of the resurrected dead, Elijah a type of the raptured living, as it will take place. (1 Thess. 4:17). Enoch was taken out (Gen. 5:24), Hebrews 11:5 says he was translated. In Genesis 7, Noah was carried through the flood, which was the wrath of God, and was placed on a judgment-cleansed earth. These two are beautiful types: Enoch, of the church taken out just before the judgment, and Noah saved through the judgment, or wrath, is a picture of the nation of Israel (the woman, Rev. 12:13-17) saved through the tribulation.

Let's not let our hearts be troubled about the tribulation, for our great God has made provision to lift us over it, or out of it, and it may be very soon. But those who are making their plans to go through the tribulation may do so. For as your faith, so be it to you. Luke 21:28, *And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.* "I am looking for a great victorious rapture, Praise God."

Such a Mother

After one of the hard fought battles of the Civil War, a Confederate chaplain was called hastily to see a dying soldier. Taking his hand he said, "Well, my brother, what can I do for you?" He supposed that the young fellow would want to cry to God for help in his extremity, but it was not so. "Chaplain," he said, "I want you to cut a lock of hair for my mother; and then, Chaplain, I want you to kneel down and return thanks to God for me." "For what?" asked the chaplain. "For giving me such a mother. Oh, she was such a good mother! Her teachings are my comfort now. And then, Chaplain, thank God that by His grace I am a Christian. What would I do if I were not a Christian? And thank Him for dying grace. He makes this hard bed feel as soft as downy pillows are. And oh, Chaplain, thank Him for the promised home in glory—I'll soon be there." "And so," said the chaplain, "I knelt by his bed with not a petition to utter—only praises and thanksgiving for a good mother, a Christian home, dying grace, and an eternal home in glory."

The Power of the Church

by R. A. Wilson

(This article appeared in the Roseville newspaper, which each week prints a short digest of the Sunday sermon of a Roseville pastor.)

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." -Acts 1:8.

We want to emphasize the word *power*. The word comes from the same root from which we get the word dynamite. It brings the thought of divine energy. There must be an energizing force in everything that has life. The church which Christ established was to be a living church.

Jesus was going away and He wanted the apostles to realize that to do the work He had for them to do He was going to provide an energizing force. This power was not human energy.

This is the place many times where the church has failed. It attempts to do divine work with human energy. Thus the church is brought down to a human plane. Then human ambition, politics, etc. have come into the church.

The power Jesus promised is the person of the Holy Spirit. In His human work, Jesus performed His ministry by the power of the Holy Ghost.

While the Scriptures teach that Jesus was divine and that He was with God from the beginning, yet He was made like unto sinful man. He was born of a human mother, and thus the Son of God became the Son of Man. As the Son of Man His work was in the power of the

Holy Spirit. Acts 10:38, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power."

It is a wonderful thing to know that Christ promised to His disciples that the same Spirit that gave Him power should also come upon them.

The Book of Acts is a record of the accomplishments of this New Testament church which went forth in the power of the Holy Ghost. Every type of miracle performed by Jesus was performed by the apostles.

There is no indication that Jesus ever intended that the power of the apostolic church was to cease with the apostles. Rather it was His intention that they should continue to go forth in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit throughout the church age.

If the church has lost its power it is not because Jesus intended for it to do so. Nor was it because there is no power for it. It is rather because men have come to depend upon their own efforts and ability and have neglected to wait upon God until they were endued with the Power of God.

Church history has proven that whenever the church has humbled itself and looked to God for help the Holy Spirit has been poured out and the church has gone forward.

Apostolic methods will still bring apostolic results. The professing church today needs to get back to dependence on God until it receives a new anointing of the power from on high.

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Brother Thurmond Was In Springfield In March

As it was necessary for me to be in Springfield for a meeting of the Pensions Committee, it was my privilege to go a few days early and serve as representative from our District at the Missionary Representatives Conference held March 9 to 13. The majority of the Districts now have an appointed missionary secretary, or representative. It is the desire of the Missions Department that all the Districts have one, for missionary interests can be better correlated in arranging itineraries, in missionary conventions, in handling supplies, and in other ways expediting missionary activities. This arrangement also brings about a closer contact with the missionaries, and proper presentation of their needs can be made to the fellowship.

A great deal of this work in our District has been done the past few years through the Women's Missionary Council. However, closer District contact can be had with missionaries in their going and coming, and further advantages can be realized in the interest of both the missionary and District as conferences are held and the advice and experience of the representatives and the Foreign Missions Department executives are exchanged.

We are in a strategic position here on the West Coast. At times we have a good number of missionaries in the District. It is desired that overlapping be avoided as much as possible. This can be done if the missionaries contact the District office, advising of their time to be in our territory. Until such a time as the presbytery or District Council appoints or elects a District missionary representative, we will endeavor to do what we can in conjunction with Mrs. Thurmond, the W. M. C. president, to assist the missionaries and the churches to their mutual interests.

The representatives conference was a real merit. It was felt that much good was accomplished through the bringing about of a better understanding of the needs, both from the missionaries' and the District's point of view. Space does not permit a complete summary of the recommendations, but we believe real benefit will result from this second annual conference of representatives in the interest of foreign missions.

The Pensions Committee met in two sessions with an insurance representative

who had a very interesting plan to present. He stayed over an extra day so that he and I could meet with the executive presbytery to present the plan to them. Favorable consideration was given to what was presented, and now another meeting is scheduled with representatives of this company and with agents of other companies on May 21 and 22 to look further into this matter of pensions. We trust the Lord will help us to get an acceptable plan for our fellowship.

While in Springfield I was also privileged to attend a few meetings of the Sunday School Convention. Great interest and enthusiasm is manifested throughout our movement, as evidenced by the thousands from all over the United States and Canada who come each year for this great convention. Much planning and effort are put into this event each year by the Sunday School Department in Springfield. A staff of trained workers is heard from; literature, programs, and helpful plans are to be had; and great morning and night mass meetings are held. Surely great good has come to the Sunday schools through the efforts put forth by the Department and the many District representatives.

—R. J. Thurmond

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MAY

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- 14—Covelo, Half Moon Bay
- 21—Santa Rosa (Wright Dist.)
- 22—Lookout
- 28—Anderson, Madera (Bonita), Santa Cruz
- 29-30—Las Vegas, Nev.

JUNE

- 4—Modesto (Bethel), Oakland (East Oakland) Portola, Weitchpec
- 11—Lakeport, South San Francisco
- 18—Fairfield, Lovelock
- 19—Happy Camp
- 25—Central Valley, Gilroy, North Fork

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If the preacher'll only let him
Dictate how to preach!
He'll have a grand religion
And have it every day—
He'll be a pious Christian—
If you let him have his way!
But when you kindly ask him
To do the simplest task,
Just for the sake of service,
Then he wears a scowling mask!
I'm thinking when he's left us,
When earthly ties are riven,
He'll outshine the brightest angel—
If he can run things up in heaven!

NEVADA

Between the Sierra Nevadas in California and the shores of Great Salt Lake in Utah there is a vast expanse of typical western country called Nevada. There are not many towns, not many people, but plenty of wide-open space and sage brush. The grandeur and enchantment of this hill and desert country has a peculiar way of bringing a stranger to feel at once at home among its friendly people.

Brother John Tinsman, missionary to Indonesia, and yours truly made a recent tour together to some of the C. A. groups in Nevada. We enjoyed the good spirit of fellowship with the pastors and congregations, and were challenged by the vision and consecration of these workers. Brother Maurice Caudill, the sectional C. A. chairman for Nevada, is the pastor of a pioneer work in the capital of Nevada, Carson City. They are building a church under difficult circumstances, but the Lord is blessing them. They have a nice group of young people on the way up.

Our tour took us out to Hawthorne, Nevada, where one of the largest ammunition depots in the world is located. We were surprised to find a large congregation with a splendid group of C. A.'s here under the leadership of Brother Carl Anderson, the pastor.

The people in the churches enjoyed the ministry of Brother Tinsman as he gave inspiring testimony of his experience in Ambon, in Indonesia.

FRESNO

Easter Sunday took us to Fresno for a C. A. breakfast and services where we ministered during the whole day. Several groups of young people enjoyed a time of spiritual feasting, as well as a time of fellowship in the above-mentioned breakfast. Fresno will be the site of our next joint convention in the fall. We shall join forces with the Southern California District for another meeting in the Municipal Auditorium on November 23, 24, 25, 1951.

Violence in the voice is usually the death rattle of reason.

There are people who never care for music except when they play the first fiddle.

Reputation is a bubble which a man bursts when he tries to blow it up for himself.

It is always at the gateway of life's greatest blessings that the devil places his picket guard for tempting.

Suggestions and Observations

by W. T. Gaston

(A condensation of an impromptu message given at the sectional chairmen's conference in Bethel Temple, Sacramento, February 20, 1951)

It is wonderful to share in a purpose that is as high and noble as the one that actuates leaders of our C.A. organization. Those who have the responsibility of leadership should be quick to discern qualities of leadership in others. There are potential leaders, some of them children, in every assembly. The Lord can give us a spiritual sense of smell so that we can smell out these young fellows and encourage them.

Many years ago a church in a valley city was just taking shape, and I was there for a revival meeting. In that revival there was a number of young people who later became leaders. There was one outstanding case, a little girl (I think they said she was 11 years old) who looked like she was about nine because she was so small. This little girl, at that tender age, was being prepared to minister. She had not been recognized at all in the church as a potential leader. She had no public place. They had her sing in an afternoon service. There was a quality in her little voice that was not hers. It was that wonderful something, that peculiar quality, which if you get to know the Spirit very well you will recognize, whether it's in prayer or in testimony or in singing. It was so pronounced that when the service was finished, I said to the man who was the leader of that group in those days, "Here is a coming little preacher in your midst. Will you give her a chance?" He replied, "We will." When the revival meeting was over, she was announced to speak at the week-night service. That little girl brought the house down. She smashed

everybody up. The Spirit of the Lord was upon her. From that she went right out, and her name became known all over the country.

You will never do your full duty by being a good leader. A part of your responsibility is to keep an eye open to all indications as to where God is working, and work along with God in the great business of finding new recruits for the greatest work in the world.

I had a suggestion from Brother Fulmer that I talk to you about some observations of mine through the years. I started in revival ministry when I was 23. I had about 12 years of it, you see, while I was still a C.A., according to the rules now.

This movement in its early days was largely a youth movement. It was young people who were thrust out into the world as leaders of the revival crusade. Old people were in it, but the young people predominated. The challenge of the Spirit and the rugged austerity that was essential in those days carried with the young people. They rallied to the type of evangelism that meant privation, hunger, and sometimes stripes and imprisonment. It was wonderful to see young men and young women going when the going was tough and preaching when the opposition was terrific, on fire with a message and happy to pay any price to get it across.

There was very little of what we call youth consciousness in those early days. We were conscious of Christ, and for Him and Him alone we could go through the fires of persecution and hatred for



Pictured above are the C. A.'s of the Assembly of God in Westwood. Alice Florez, the president, is in the front center. Pastor and Mrs. Ross are in the second row center.

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His sake. It is a conviction of mine that the measure that we become Christ conscious we will lose that tendency to run with a group and be interested in an age bracket, and we will love all men and women, boys and girls with a like passion and mingle together with perfect freedom. Religion is ageless, it is eternal.

Some things that characterized that early revival movement stand out in my memory. One of them was the utter simplicity of the work. There wasn't anything stilted or pretentious. If anybody was high-minded when he came in, he lost it before he went out. These peculiar folk seemed to know nothing and nobody but Christ. For a fellow to glory in his education, in his Greek, in his being able to quote Shakespeare, Tennyson and Byron, was out. Exaltation of Christ alone and a love for humility and simplicity characterized the work.

Another distinctive quality of those early days was the dependence of the people upon the Spirit. We had to depend on the Lord. We didn't have anything else. We didn't have schools. We didn't have much in the way of literature. We had few books. We all had a Bible, and everybody carried it to church and most everywhere. Everyone treasured that Book and would read it by the hour. I believe it was that almost universal sense of need that was back of the hunger for truth and the spirit of prayer that was so much in evidence. As I look back, it seems to me that God was endeavoring to make His children strong by keeping them weak—if you can understand the seeming paradox. In speaking of good things long past, I always like to balance the picture by calling attention to troublesome human elements that were sometimes much in evidence. Nevertheless, I am sure my young friends here will agree that there was something about that early clinging to Christ and that utter helplessness without the Spirit that we should recapture and keep.

I smiled today when one of our dear young folk was referring to times when the Spirit would come and knock the program out, but that is a good thing to have a program so that if the Spirit doesn't come you will have some direction and can go somewhere anyway. We all smiled at that. But really there is nothing wrong with a program. After all this is not a blueprint to run a meeting by if the Spirit doesn't help you. It is something the Spirit must get into until every part of it is impregnated with spiritual power when those who sing are anointed with the Spirit, and those who pray are touched with holy fire, and those who speak, speak as the oracles of God. This



Pictured above is the new C. A. group of the Gospel Lighthouse in Palo Alto. The offices are in the front row center. Brother Burgess, president; Sister Tedford, secretary-treasurer; and Brother Ball, vice president. Pastor and Mrs. Max Martindale are standing behind the pulpit.

is true Pentecostalism, and the world is still hungry for it. How I wish, dear young friends, that we could keep the wonder of Pentecost in our hearts always. It is wonderful that the Spirit will come with us and move on us and give us that which we can never have until He gives it to us. Oh, for that waiting for the Spirit and that hunger for the divine kindling upon all that we do. If our movement ever loses this, it will still move, but in the wrong direction.

I think we have come a long way and have made great progress in many directions. Surely we have a lot of good things that we didn't have in the old days, but, young people, is it not a fact that we could and should have more evidence of the presence of the ever-blessed Spirit than we are having in these days? There is a danger that while we grow in numbers and in efficiency in a lot of things we may grow away from the things that mean most to God and to a

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His is the voice I hear,
'Tis my Redeemer speaks to me,
In words my life to cheer.

To study, learn, and ever live
Upon the truths here given;
This by my purpose and my joy
Till earth is changed for heaven.

—C. Talbot

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National Sunday School Convention

Another National Sunday School Convention has gone down in history but the memories, information and inspiration lingers with us still. It was the best convention the Assemblies of God has had.

The District Sunday School Directors met in a special seminar on Friday, March 9. The Lord blessed our hearts as we counseled together for the next four days.

On the evening of March 13 the Ninth National Sunday School Convention convened in the Shrine Mosque, with the building filled to capacity, while the boys and girls were having a service in Central Assembly with Brother Raymond Ton. People kept coming in until there was a total registration of 6,521, and many more would have registered but the convention ran out of badges

and the other material that went with registration.

The Mosque was practically filled with people for the morning sessions and then the convention went to various workshops in the afternoon. The evening services saw the crowd overflow into the St. Paul's Methodist church, where they had a duplication of the services in the Mosque, besides the children's meetings in Central Assembly.

Twenty-eight delegates from Northern California and Nevada attended the convention.

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If you can see some good in everybody, almost everybody will see some good in you.

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We should be content with what we have, not with what we are.

SUMMER CAMPS AT BETHANY

Boys and Girls - July 16 to 20
(ages 9, 10, 11)

Teen Camp - July 23 to 27
(ages 12, 13, 14)

JUNIOR AND TEEN CAMPS

The Junior Boys and Girls Camp will begin at noon on Monday, July 16, and will continue through Friday evening, July 20. Ages will be 9 through 11 years.

The Teen Camp for 12 through 14 year-old boys and girls will convene at noon on Monday, July 23 and will continue through Friday evening, July 27.

Rev. and Mrs. Earnest Aldridge will be our camp evangelists and will be speaking each evening in the rally services.

The total camp fee will be \$12.00, which includes room, meals, registration, and campers insurance. Fellows and girls, let's begin making plans now to attend these camps.

Tomorrow

The love of God has hung a veil
Around tomorrow,
That we may not its beauty see,
Nor trouble borrow.
But, oh, 'tis sweeter far, to trust
His unseen hand,
Ank know that all the path of life
His wisdom planned.
I know not if tomorrow's way
Be steep, or rough;
But when His hand is guiding me,
That is enough.
And so, although the veil has hid
Tomorrow's way,
I walk with perfect faith and trust
Through each today.

Bertha H. Pentney

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News From Northwest China and Tibet

By W. W. Simpson

I have just received a letter from Brother James Vigna dated Labrang, January 8, 1951. Conditions in that region remind me of conditions in Jerusalem as described in Acts 4:23-31. The Communist rulers are gradually showing their anti-God nature.

Brother Vigna's request for permission to go on a preaching tour during Christmas and New Year vacation was refused. Whether he will be allowed to visit Brother Plymire's station later is doubtful. The China Inland Mission has decided to withdraw their missionaries, and the Swedish ambassador has advised their missionaries to do the same.

All U.S. credits are frozen and checks can no longer be cashed. The manager of the Labrang bank informed Brother Vigna "that the government is putting controls on all funds being sent into the country whether for individuals or groups, churches included." If, according to their view, the amount is too much, the excess will be taken to help the war effort. That means the Communist rulers are confiscating the offerings sent from America to support our work and workers engaged in spreading the gospel and using them to provide the Red army fighting our soldiers in Korea with ammunition. Just like Satan! How thankful I am that the offerings I received in October had been received by Brother Vigna before the government took this action and are being used as the donors wished. But this is a warning that the saints and assemblies in this favored land must do RIGHT NOW all they can to hasten world evangelization before the doors close in other lands. The night cometh when it will be too late. No one can say when other mission fields will close too. However, there is still a little hope that Brother Park in Hong-kong may be able to send funds to Brother Vigna. But even that door may close soon. It is later than you think!

But there is a bright side, praise God! The nationals are rallying to the support of the work of the district. "They caught the vision and responded for the work, from reports received, the workers traveling among the assemblies are receiving offerings!" Here is a photo of the Lintao assembly where a series of meetings has been held. Expenses were more than met and good offerings were given to the ministering brethren. Some were saved and others filled with the Spirit. All assemblies report good meetings. Pastor Chow reports good meetings in the southern section of the district, some where they had no meetings before.

At Chong Tsai Chi during the meetings, a woman who had been sick some time died at cock-crow. But about 9 a.m. the Lord raised her from the dead and she told the assembled people she had seen both heaven and hell. Abraham told the rich man (Luke 16:29-31) that his brothers had Moses and the prophets, if they would not hear them neither would they hear one risen from the dead. But these people in China do not have Moses and the prophets; therefore our Lord raised up this woman to tell them the truth they need to know. She was completely healed from that time. Thus the truth of the gospel was confirmed by the miracle.

At another meeting a sick young man was brought in a cart. When prayed for he was healed and was able to walk some five miles to his home. Other signs in this and other places continue to confirm the word preached (Mark 16:15-20).

Last September a leper came to the meetings in Min-hsien. Because the other people were afraid they would get that terrible disease, the leper stayed only two days, then left. But our compassionate Lord knew all about it and healed him entirely and now he is perfectly well. These miracles open the way to extend the work to other places. The young man mentioned above went home well and several of his family believed and invited Pastor Chow to hold a meeting in their home. In two days another assembly was formed and the work grows in spite of the Reds.

I know of a business man, head of a family, who had never heard the gospel, who became very sick in 1935. Physicians were employed to treat him but after some days gave him up to die. Accord-

God Writes The Music

God writes the music of our lives:
The high notes and the low,
The times of joyous ecstasy,
The times of grief and woe.

Sometimes He writes a minor chord
Of loneliness and pain.
Sometimes with cheery cadences
That makes a glad refrain.

He writes in notes of majesty
The duties rightly done,
In throbbing notes of victory
The battles bravely won.

He writes the bliss of our best hopes
In tenderest harmony,
Then muted tones of broken plans
Complete the symphony.

—Exchange

ing to Chinese custom friends and relatives were notified and came to pay their last respects. One man knew of a Pentecostal assembly not far away where they prayed for the sick and suggested sending for them. They did so. A few came and prayed for the dying man. But while they prayed the man died. The heathen family angrily drove them off. Then the coffin was brought in and preparations made to lay the remains away. But just as they were ready to place the body in the coffin the dead man suddenly sat up and called for all friends and neighbors to come quickly; he had something to say. A great crowd soon gathered and he told them how he left his body and was seized by two ruffians who dragged him a long way through dark tunnels to the brink of a great pit filled with flames in which he saw many people, some of whom he recognized. While the two held him tried to push him into the pit he lifted his head and saw someone dressed in white approaching. The two ruffians also saw him and began to tremble. When near He rebuked the ruffians and they fled. Then He said, "I am Jesus. My servants prayed for you and I have come to deliver you from this pit. I have a home for you, but you must first go back home and tell all your friends what you have seen and warn them to go to that gospel hall, listen, repent and believe so they will not be tormented in these flames." He then fell back dead and was soon buried, but in a very short time some 200 friends and relatives were saved in that little assembly. I later heard that over 1000 people had been saved through that great miracle. The failure of the Lord's people to preach the gospel in all the world as a witness to all nations in schedule time is forcing Him to use these extraordinary means to bring the fulness of the Gentiles in before the times of the Gentiles end. (Romans 11:25).



Here and There

ARBUCKLE—Pastor Eugene Lawrence reports: "We just finished two weeks of revival with Brother Z. P. Miller. There was good attendance. Many testified to definite healing, and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit."

BURLINGAME—Good crowds attended the special meeting Evangelist and Mrs. Neil Moore of Washington held with Pastor Leonard Palmer the first week in April. Revival fires were already burning, prior to the special campaign, there being a rise in attendance and good responses at the altar services. There were 175 in Sunday school on Easter.

CERES—Evangelist Thomas B. Don Carlos has been in good revival meetings with Pastor Orville Painter. Meetings were still in progress in early April.

DALY CITY—Brother James R. Adkins, formerly pastor there together with Calvin Zeissler, is serving as temporary pastor.

DUNSMUIR—The Shasta district fellowship meeting was held there March 20, with Pastor J. C. Jorgensen. Both afternoon and evening services were attended by record crowds, necessitating the bringing in of extra seats for the evening crowd. Pastor F. R. Hoole of Burney was the afternoon speaker. The evening speaker was Pastor J. S. Manchester of Medford, Oregon.

EL CERRITO—Pastor E. Wm. Anderson reports having a very successful revival campaign with Evangelist Mark Buntain of Canada, the meeting ending March 25.

EUREKA—In early April Pastor Clarence J. Larson reported being in very good meetings with Brother T. T. Ward of Anaheim. Brother Ward is head of Bethel Christian School in that city.

EUREKA, NEVADA—Pastor Carl F. Wilhite of Ely is taking over the work in Eureka, to carry it on as an outstation. Brother George W. Hunter, whose membership is with the Michigan District, maintained the work for several months, but he has now returned to the evangelistic field. Brother Wilhite, still recovering from a broken back, has been invited to serve Ely as judge of the municipal court.

HOOPA—Pastor C. F. Rowe reports having three weeks of good meetings with Sister Mildred Charles. Four were saved during the campaign, and two more after the meetings closed.

LINCOLN—Annetta Newcomb, church reporter, writes: "Eunice Lindvall and Margaret Whitt held a revival here from February 11 to March 4. Every department of the church was benefited. In addition to their evangelistic services, they con-

ducted a two-weeks teachers' training course, a special children's crusade, and a youth singspiration on Saturday evenings. Despite the heavy schedule of activities, the people attended faithfully, large crowds present each evening. Many children were saved and are seeking God for the baptism of the Spirit. Backsliders, as well as anxious sinners, were seen at the altar throughout the meetings."

LOS GATOS (Lighthouse)—The Peninsula fellowship meeting was held there April 9 with Pastor A. Harold Persing. Pastor J. C. Merwin and Pastor C. E. Curtright shared the speaking assignment in the afternoon. Brother J. W. Stovall, who has recently opened a new gospel work in San Mateo, was the evening speaker.

LOS GATOS — (Three Springs)—The Coast Counties fellowship meeting was held there March 26. The afternoon speaker was Brother W. D. Clonts. Brother F. E. Baltau, who has been a missionary in North China, was the evening speaker. All who could be present enjoyed the good fellowship dinner the host church served between the services. The pastor is Fred C. Howe.

LOWER LAKE—Brother Jack Colas has resigned as pastor to return to school for further studies. His last Sunday in Lower Lake was April 1.

MADERA—Evangelist A. N. Trotter of Oklahoma began a revival campaign there April 15 with Pastor Gobel Lawrence.

MODESTO (Bethel)—Brother Richard Orchard, pastor in Chico, held a week of special meetings with Pastor Donald G. Weston from March 27 to April 1. Ralph Carmichael and his television choir were there for the Sunday evening service, March 25.

MONTAGUE—Pastor Albert Rowley of Weed, the District presbyter, and Pastor J. O. Jorgensen of Dunsmuir have been over to help make needed repairs and improvements on the building which houses both the church and parsonage. With the help of their neighbor churches, the pastors, Rosemary Murphy and Winona Tussey, have been able to make changes for the better in their building.

NEWARK—The East Bay fellowship meeting was held in Newark's lovely new church on April 2 and had a very good day of refreshing and blessing. The afternoon speaker was Pastor C. R. Peterson of East Oakland. The evening speaker was Pastor Charles Dobbins of Calvary Temple, Oakland. The pastor in Newark is Riley Kaufman.

OAKLAND—Five East Oakland assemblies are in a Sunday school contest based on the point system; Calvary Temple, East Oakland Tabernacle, Bethel Tabernacle, First Church, and Temple Church. The contest is from April 1 to May 13.

OAKLAND (Calvary)—The church has a new radio program. "Prayertime" is broadcast from 9:30 to 9:45 each morning Monday through Friday over KWBK, 1310 kc. Pastor Chas. B. Dobbins is speaker and director.

OAKLAND (First Church)—Evangelist Paul R. Gaston of Springfield, Missouri, began a campaign there April 15 with Pastor E. Elsworth Krogstad.

OLIVEHURST—In mid-March Pastor W. A. Frazier reported having a very good revival with Evangelist Walter Trumbo, that about 15 prayed through to salvation. He continues: "We entertained the capital section fellowship meeting March 12. We had a packed house in the afternoon. Evangelist Paul Cook was the speaker. In the evening Evangelist Walter Trumbo was the speaker. We had the largest church in town for the night service, when, it was said, we had 900 people present." A fellowship dinner was served at 5:30.

PLACERVILLE—Pastor Travis F. Baker reports: "We closed a three-weeks revival with Evangelist Paul Cook on March 18. The meetings had good attendance and interest."

PORTOLA—All previous Sunday school records were broken Easter, when there were 118 present. Improvements are being made on the church property. The pastors are Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw.

ROHNERVILLE—Reports V. Georgia, church secretary: "For three weeks in February we witnessed one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. Prior to the campaign the church had been blessed with a precious moving of God's Spirit in saving, healing, and baptizing power. Pastor R. L. Neal then had Brother T. T. Ward of Anaheim come to us. He was accompanied by his daughter Mary and Mable Tisdale of Burbank, who conducted morning prayer services and children's church in the afternoons. Nearly every child who attended sought God for salvation. During the morning and evening services many were healed of diverse sicknesses. Others came from surrounding communities and churches. Over 100 were at the altar for salvation. Marvelous deliverances from habits were witnessed. The Sunday school reached a new high, 131, and over \$2500 was pledged for the building of a new church."

SACRAMENTO (Bethel)—Brother Kenneth Haysteed supplied the pulpit for three Sundays in April while Pastor N. E. Hinman was away for vacation.

SAN FRANCISCO (Calvary)—The new pastor is Thomas F. Sandry, who comes

to this District from Canada. Brother Howard Carter held a week of special meetings at this assembly on Guerrero Street from April 8 to 15.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings)—The special meetings with Evangelist Starr Thomas ran for four weeks, from March 11 to April 8. The pastor is L. R. Keys.

SAN JOSE—Pastor Mario Di Nicola of the Italian Assembly, located at 33 South Montgomery Street, reports that the little church is growing and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Several souls have been saved and are ready for water baptism. Others have been baptized since the first of the year. A group of students from G. T. B. I. go over every Friday evening to help in the service, and their meetings are appreciated by pastor and people.

SANTA CRUZ—Brother Howard Carter held five days of special meetings with Pastor R. P. Murray the first week in April.

SEASIDE—Pastor Carroll J. Hodges reports: "Evangelist Leonard Miller and wife were with us for three weeks in a very good revival. Two kneeled at the altar for salvation, several refilled, some reclaimed, and there were several healed. The revival fire is still burning."

SOQUEL—There were several saved in the revival campaign Evangelist Charles Kerner held for Pastor Elizabeth Mehninger for two weeks beginning Mar 19 to 25.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO—Pastor C. E. Curtright reports having a revival stir and revival results in the church, though there have not been special evangelistic meetings recently. The attendance at both the church services and the Sunday school is continually growing since they have been meeting in the new building, which is yet to be finished.

UKIAH—Evangelist C. O. Wood held an exceptionally good meeting with Pastor J. R. Edgar in March.

WILLITS—Pastor E. A. North writes: "The Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting held here March 12 was very well attended, the house being full in the evening. Brother Claude Wood was the afternoon speaker. The evening speaker was Earl Henderson, who is holding revival meetings here at present. There was a great healing service at the close of the evening meeting as Brother Wood and Brother Henderson prayed for the sick, many of whom went shouting and praising God for the touch of the Lord upon them. The Willits Sunday school attendance has reached a new record. From the last Sunday in February to the second Sunday in March we went from 80 to 120 and are still going up. Souls have been saved and bodies healed during the revival with Evangelist Henderson."

PERSONAL MENTION

Brother ROBERT B. THOMAS arrived home in San Jose March 27, back from five years of missionary service in South America, having been in Argentina, first in Mendoza and later in Buenos Aires. During his furlough he will be heard in various parts of our District.

Evangelist STANLEY MacPHERSON has been in Central America holding revival meetings. Report has come that quite a number has been saved and scores have been healed in meetings in El Salvador. Sister MacPherson has remained in the States, holding meetings in Georgia, Tennessee and Indiana. They plan to be back in California in the fall.

Evangelist and Mrs. J. G. GARLAND are in meetings in Oklahoma. They held a good campaign in Drumright early in April.

Brother and Sister A. A. WHITE, who have been in Colorado for some time, are back again on the evangelistic field and have been in meetings in Idaho. They plan to be in California by summer, and are open for calls. They will have a trailer house with them.

Evangelist and Mrs. B. C. FINFROCK were in good meetings in Horatio, Arkansas, early in April.

Pastor C. E. HADDOCK of Colfax offers to call on anyone in the Weimar Sanatorium if names and location are sent by friends or relatives. His address is P. O. Box 605, Colfax, Calif.

From February 18 to March 4, Evangelist ORAL A. HART was in meetings in St. Augustine, Florida. March 25 he closed a good campaign in Morganton, N. C. From there he went to New York City to hold meetings in Billy Roberts Mission.

Craig Guest House

At a recent meeting of the Church Council of Glad Tidings in San Francisco it was decided to name the former Bible Institute building the Craig Memorial Building, in honor of the founders of the work. The second and third floors of the building are now occupied by the Sunday School Department of the church. The first floor, the dining room and kitchen, is used for serving meals for those who live on the upper three floors. It is also used for church purposes.

A limited number of rooms, with two meals a day, are available to working business people in the guest house. The rate is \$15 per week. Transient rooms are also available for overnight guests. Inquiries should be addressed to Craig Guest House, Mr. J. E. Sullivan, 1441 Ellis St., San Francisco.



A group of Sunday school children in front of the new little church built in Stockton by Pastor B. R. Cashion. First services were held November 1950 with about 19 in attendance. By early March the Sunday school had 75 in attendance. The new assembly is located at 1922 East 8th Street.

GREETINGS FROM KOREA

Chaplain Dudley Boyd has been in action areas and under fire in Korea during the war. The following is an excerpt from one of his letters:

"The going has been very rough and hard for the fighting men as they continue to advance over the rugged terrain, tramping for days through snow and mud, sleeping nights in their fox holes, with irregular meals, mostly cold. Their advance is always under murderous fire and hand grenading from the enemy.

"The Lord is blessing His Word as it goes forth, and men are giving their hearts to Him in public and in private. Just yesterday morning a soldier came in for advice in writing a letter to his father from whom he has been estranged for years. We talked to him about forgiveness and God's forgiveness, and soon he was on his knees asking God to forgive his sins and to cleanse his heart through the precious blood of Jesus.

"Nearly every service I give the men an opportunity to accept the Lord as their personal Saviour and to repent of their sins. A goodly number responds. We hold service when we can, depending on our continuous advance. Saturday I had two services, and one Sunday, and will have two more tomorrow. In those three services there were 269 men present, and out of that number, 109 signified their acceptance of the Lord Jesus, by raising their hands and praying after me the penitent's prayer. I wish there were time to deal with each one personally, but usually I have to rush on to another service. I commit them into the hands of the Lord and help them later as training and fighting schedules permit."

Captain Dudley Boyd received promotion January 27 to the field rank of major.

Women's Missionary Council Has Varied Activities

Women's Missionary Councils throughout the District are busy planning show-ers for missionary guests to the local churches or sectional W.M.C. meetings - several are having missionary conventions - or are busy filling "Treasure Chests" with lovely and useful articles to be given later as opportunity affords, or are packing boxes for home and foreign missionaries at Christmas time.

I was invited to meet with the W.M.C. of the Monte Vista Trinity Full Gospel Church on April 7 for an evening of fellowship. Potluck dinner was served, after which we discussed the relationship of the W.M.C. to home and foreign missions and some of the missionary needs. This active group of women have, as one of their projects, "adopted" little Dorothy Marie Pedigo, small daughter of Sister James Merwin's brother Jess, who is working for the Lord in Japan.

The Reno church held its first missionary convention April 17 and 18 following their sectional fellowship meeting. Sneakers were Brother and Sister John Kennedy and Brother and Sister Cra-baugh, all missionaries to Africa. The Women's Missionary Council president of Southern California District, Sister Martha McLean, and your president presented the work of the W.M.C. The churches and W.M.C.'s of Nevada and Lassen-Plumas sections participated.

Coast Counties section under the leadership of the director, Mrs. R. P. Murray, are providing the funds for some lovely drapes which were purchased at a bargain for the G.T.B.I. reception room. Pledges made at the convention at Stock-ton for curtains for the chapel can still be sent to Sister Minoque. We trusted by faith in you and have advanced \$60 from our W.M.C. fund toward the curtains.

Last month I told you about the church and parsonage provided for Brother and Sister Omar Goins in Lihue, Hawaii. There is a debt of only \$725, we are told by Brother C. V. Hummel, who has just returned from there, and if any of the W.M.C. groups would like to have an interest in this church, an offering can be sent to Springfield Missions Department designated for the Lihue church. Sister Rosemary Goins was one of our W.M.C. presidents before going to Lihue.

Sisters Alberta and Elaine Daniels are back in the District after meetings in the East. They may have to leave for Peru before camp, so groups wishing to contact them for services can do so either through Sister Marion Minoque, 789 Powell St., Hollister, or Brother I. I. Rogers, 831 University Ave., Berkeley. Things for them can be sent to the

Berkeley address, where they will be doing their packing. Sister Elaine wishes to take back all kinds of musical instruments, especially accordions and guitars. Several folding organs are also needed. The Jerry Triemstras are not coming home at this time.

The Daniels will be glad to take things for them and their two adopted children, yardage of cotton materials and clothing. Be sure to designate the things for the Triemstras.

Word comes that Sister Theodore Bueno has passed her physical and she and Brother Bueno, with their twelve-year-old son, Loris, will be returning to South America in September. Groups that have things for them can reach them through their daughter Miriam, a freshman at G.T.B.I. Another son, Elmer, is a G.T.B.I. senior.

The Dowdy family is also making plans to return to South America in September, and they, also, can be reached through their daughters, Joanne and Virla Mae, at G.T.B.I. The Dowdy and Bueno young folks are an inspiration and blessing to the Bible school, also the churches and W.M.C.'s where they have been invited to participate. All of these fine young people have definite "calls" from the Lord.

We were happy to have a visit from Brother and Sister Bob Thomas from Argentina, recently. They can be reached through 314 Rutland, San Jose. Put them on your "Treasure Chest" list.

One of the notion dolls displayed at camp last summer, containing clothing for a baby, given by the Tracy W.M.C., was sent to Mrs. Frank Isensee in Truillo, Peru, when we heard there would be a need. She writes as follows concerning the welcome gift: "Thank you for the lovely supply of baby clothes you sent to us through Elaine Daniels and her mother. They reached us in November when Brother and Sister Hall arrived back in Peru. It was a delight to receive that lovely baby doll composed of good necessary items for the precious baby daughter, Marguerite Ethel, who arrived January 1 to cheer our home." She is now two months old and getting lots of use out of all those nice clothes." She also mentioned that their four-year-old son, Kenny, was almost beaten to death by some wicked boys and at the hospital five doctors held no hopes for his recovery, but the Lord worked a miracle and he has recovered.

I continually thank God for our W.M.C. and the blessing, encouragement and help our women can be in the work of the Lord. God bless you all.

—Mrs. R. J. T.

Say Nothing

When you're asked to give expression
On a question in dispute,
And you feel that certain errors
And mistakes you should refute;
If your mind is rather hazy—
Say nothing.

Are at times your best intentions
And desires misunderstood?
And your motives branded evil
When you know that they are good?
Do not waste your time explaining—
Say nothing.

When it seems that you have trials
Almost more than you can bear,
And you stagger 'neath the burden
That seems larger than your share;
There is One whose arm is mighty;
Go to Him with all your care—
Say nothing.

Like the Master who reviled not
When so shamefully reviled,
Suffer silently reproaches,
Are you not His own dear child?
To your losses, and your crosses,
Troubled heart, be reconciled—
Say nothing.

If a brother fails and falters
In the thickest of the fight,
If you know he has departed
From the path of truth and right,
If you cannot speak a word
To help him back into the light—
Say nothing.

Can you help the ones around you
By the kindly words you say?
Can you speak a word to cheer them
On their long and toilsome way?
Can you lift a heavy burden
By some gracious word today?
Say nothing.

—Haldor Lilly.

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The root of all steadfastness is in con-secration to God.

Give Us This Day

A lifetime, Lord, we do not seek
In which to learn Thy will and way,
Nor yet a year, a month, a week;
We only pray, "Give us this day."

Give us this day a trail to climb,
A peak to reach by set of sun,
That from yon rugged height sublime
We'll see our journey's well begun.

Give us this day a task to do
For Thee, dear Lord—not idle rest.
And when the weary toil is through
We'll know this day we've served Thee best.

Life's greatest blessing—time—is free!
God gives what we can ne'er repay:
A fragment of eternity,
Whene'er we pray, "Give us this day."

—I. E. Johnson

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MY FAVORITE SUBJECT AT BIBLE SCHOOL

My wife just asked me, "What are you going to write on?" I, of course, answered, "paper." Actually my favorite subject here at Bible school is not paper, even though I am the editor of one. It is hard to really decide which is my favorite, as most of them seem to possess individual points in their favor: such as interest, simplicity, practicability, or other features. However, the one subject that I would pick if I were pinned down to naming my favorite one (and I am) is Child Evangelism.

I am interested in Child Evangelism more than other courses offered, possibly, because I want to evangelize children. I want to evangelize children because not only do the Scriptures command it by precept and example, but statistics show that Christians who were saved when they were children constitute the greater portion of full-time gospel workers. Not only that, the strongest Christians and the most spiritual and effective laymen were, as a majority, saved when they were children.

I am interested in child evangelism because many more children can be won to the Lord than adults. Children, as a rule, are not hardened in the ways of sin, and they quickly believe and receive Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Testimonies of results from open-air meetings of child evangelism workers show that somewhere around 100 decisions for Christ are made in ONE DAY. Experience has shown time and time again that children can be made to realize their need of Christ and can be saved. What's more, child evangelism insures a means of getting young lives fully dedicated to God, with a lifetime of Christian service.

I guess, in a nutshell, the reason for my attraction to child evangelism is that it pays such big dividends—both now and in eternity.

—Gene Nielsen, Salinas

DON'T TELL ME

Don't tell me what you will do

When you have time to spare;

Tell me what you did today

To ease a load of care.

Don't tell me what you will give,

When your ship comes in from sea;

Tell me what you gave today

A fettered soul to free.

Don't tell me the dream you have

Of conquest still afar;

Don't say what you hope to be.

But tell me what you are.

—Kleiser

MY CALL FROM GOD

(A young man's testimony)

July 3, 1949, at a little prayer meeting in our church in Livermore was a very miserable young man. I know he was miserable, because I was that young man. I was thinking of my life, which appeared to be a success, and yet in my heart I knew it was a failure. I thought of the time when seven years before, when I felt God calling me to His work. I was almost a graduate of the Henry Ford Trade School and had plans to attend the Ford Apprentice School so that I could become a tool and die maker. I wanted to be a success, have a family, a new home, a new car, and a good job. That was my idea of success.

Well, now, seven years later, God had given me all these things, and I still wasn't satisfied. So I decided to ask God what was His will for my life, instead of telling Him what I wanted, as I had done before.

The minister's wife was playing on the piano while some of us were praying. I asked the Lord to let me know if He wanted me in the full-time ministry for Him by letting the next song on the piano be "I know the Lord will make a way for me." The answer came almost immediately. So from that time on I tried always to seek His will instead of mine. I find that He gives a happiness that I never knew before.

—Fred Thompson, Livermore

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We cannot all be corner stones

Or panels in the door,

Or pillars, for there needs must be

A door mat on the floor.

And those who make a door mat true

Will rise to higher graces:

God has His honor for the few

Who will not choose their places.

—Selected

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By Carrie Judd Montgomery

(Rom. ix:23)

Vessels, frail and earthen,

Full of grace Divine;

Lord of life and glory

What a love is Thine!

In my utter darkness

Thou hast deigned to shine.

If I had one merit

Mercy could not flow,—

Favor not deserving

Bodily I may go,

Fulness of Thy mercy

Thus to surely know.

Poor, despised, yea nothing,

What have I to claim?

All the wealth of Heaven

Mine in Jesus' Name,

And the blessed reason

Is my very shame.

Emptied of earth's glory

And my own poor thought,

Gone the sad long struggle,

That which self had wrought;

Mine for soul and body,

All the blood hath bought.

Every difficulty is either a grindstone or a stepping stone.

Why be satisfied with dust-laying showers when God would give us root-soaking showers.

Is anyone fast enough to keep up with his good intentions?

True courage is like a kite—a contrary wind raises it higher.

"A Daily Rate For Every Day."

II Kings 25:30

"A daily rate for every day!"

How sweet the promise still

To those who trust Him o'er life's way,

God ever doth His Word fulfill

No need of fret or anxious care,

His people still are led

To tables which He doth prepare

And by His hand are fed.

"A daily rate!" when trials sore

Beset on every hand,

When grief and pain seem almost more

Than our weak human flesh can stand;

Like beacon light, His promise shines

Across life's turbid sea,

"As is thy day, oh child of Mine,

Thy strength shall ever be!"

"A daily rate!" 'tis His own way

Our hungry souls to feed,

The grace He gave us yesterday

Will not suffice for this day's need.

His tender Holy Spirit calls

To daily praise and prayer,

And daily still His manna falls

For those who seek their share.

—Selected

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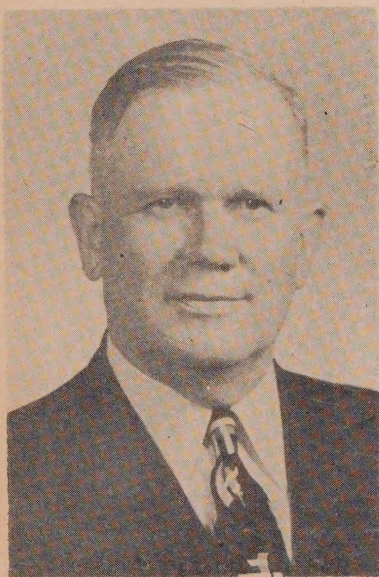
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